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**FIRE FACT NO. 060 CHECKLIST(s) : NA**

**TITLE : WHEN PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES ARE REQUIRED**

**CHECKLIST ITEM(s) : NA**

**REFERENCE(s) : K.S.A. 74-7001; 74-7003; 74-7038**

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## ***WHEN DO I NEED TO GET AN ENGINEER OR AN ARCHITECT?***

Kansas state law requires a licensed architect or engineer to design projects and systems meeting certain criteria.

The services of a Kansas licensed architect are required in the design of new buildings other than single family dwellings or farm buildings. An architect may also be required for designing changes to existing buildings which effect structural components, or the fire resistive qualities of the structure.

A Kansas licensed professional engineer is required when construction involves design or modification of fire detection or suppression systems such as sprinklers, smoke detectors or fire alarms, flammable gas detection systems, or liquefied petroleum systems.

The involvement of an architect or engineer in the design stage reduces the chance that a safety related code violation will be identified during construction and also reduces the delay and expense of correcting any safety problems before an occupancy permit can be granted.

Specific questions about the need for professional architectural or engineering services should be addressed to the code officials in your community or to the KSFMO Fire Prevention Division at 785-296-3401.

